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VILLAGE CHIEF, IS EVERYONE ALRIGHT?
WHEN WE HEARD THAT THERE WERE BEASTS, WE HAD THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN EVACUATE BEYOND THE ALTAR.
THE BEASTS SHOULD HAVE A HARD TIME GETTING TO THEM THERE.
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
I SEE... WHAT A RELIEF...
THE YOUNG MEN WHO WERE FIGHTING OUTSIDE HAVE BEEN JOINED BY THE ROYAL GUARD AND ARE SAFE NOW.
THE BEASTS HAVE DISAPPEARED AND THE BANDITS SHOULD BE DEFEATED SOON.

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A BEAST?!

HURRY UP!
EVERYONE, HEAD FURTHER IN!
LOOKS LIKE THE BANDITS HAVEN'T GIVEN UP YET.
THEY PROBABLY THINK THEY CAN STILL WIN AGAINST SIX ROYAL GUARDS AND A PRIEST.

SAY... HOW LONG CAN YOU KEEP FIGHTING?
YOU'RE OVERESTIMATING ME... I'M... BAD WITH MAGIC...
HMM...
ESPECIALLY IF THEY CAN HOLD UP THAT PRIEST AND PREVENT HER FROM USING MAGIC.
HOW LONG WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO GO ON?
HUH?
THOUGH IF I OVERDO IT, I'LL UPSET SOME RATHER SCARY PEOPLE LATER...
ARE YOU READY?

WHAT?

IN FACT, HE'S ALREADY HERE.
ON TO THE NEXT ONE.
Y-
YOU...

A...
SPLENDIDLY DONE,
MAGI-CIAN...
SIR SOLDIER...
SO YOU CAN ALSO USE MAGIC?
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I LEFT THE NOBLE'S ARMY BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T LIKE ME SCARING CHILDREN WITH MY BEASTS.
I GAVE UP ON JOINING THE REGULAR ARMY AND INSTEAD TOOK ON A JOB GUARDING A MERCHANT, WHEN WE WERE ATTACKED BY BANDITS.
I ABANDONED THE MERCHANT AND OFFERED THE BANDITS MY SKILLS...
WE THEN BELIEVED THE WORDS OF A SPY WHO TOLD US THAT WE COULD GET MONEY AND SEEK ASYLUM IN THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRY IF WE ATTACKED THIS VILLAGE.
IT'S NOT LIKE THERE'S A PLACE IN THIS KINGDOM FOR ME.
ASSUMING THE SPY'S WORDS WERE TRUE...
I'M NOT FIGHTING SOME RANDOM SOLDIER...
HEH... BUT I KNOW THE TRUTH.

ISN'T THAT RIGHT,
SIR REGENT?
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I'VE GOT YOU NOW!
REGENT?
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AH.

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MADAM PRIEST!

USED TO BE BEST FRIENDS BACK IN SCHOOL.
THINKING BACK, MILEIDIA AND I
BUT WHEN HER LITTLE SISTER BECAME THE SHRINE MAIDEN, I ENDED UP DISTANCING MYSELF BECAUSE OF A SENSE OF INFERIORITY...
RUN AWAY...
WHAT A SUITABLE ENDING FOR AN IDIOT LIKE ME...
I'LL LEAVE THE REST TA YOU...

MADAM PRIEST!
GH!
THIS STUFF JUST KEEPS HAPPENING LATELY.
I DON'T LIKE IT WHEN PEOPLE JUST DIE FOR NO REASON,
WHICH IS WHY I ASKED MYSELF IF I'LL ACCEPT SOMEONE DYING IN FRONT OF ME...
I THEN DECIDED TO SAVE PEOPLE...

ON THE OTHER HAND, FATE SEEMS TO BE

TELLING ME TO USE THE KING'S SWORD.

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ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
WHAT?

SO THAT DIDN'T WORK EITHER?
I'M SENSING A DRUG IN YOU THAT SUPPRESSES YOUR REASONING AND BOOSTS YOUR MAGIC.
... I'M USING THIS POWER NOT JUST BECAUSE OF FATE, BUT ALSO BECAUSE I CHOSE TO.
I'M FACING A BIG SHOT LIKE YOU,
HOW COULD I NOT?
... YOU'VE LOST YOURSELF TO IT...
MY DECISIONS ARE MY OWN RESPONSIBILITY...

I'M AN EVIL MAGI-CIAN! JUST TRY TO KILL ME!
SHUT UP! THIS IS THE PATH I CHOSE...
HOW PITIFUL...
HOW TRULY PITIFUL.
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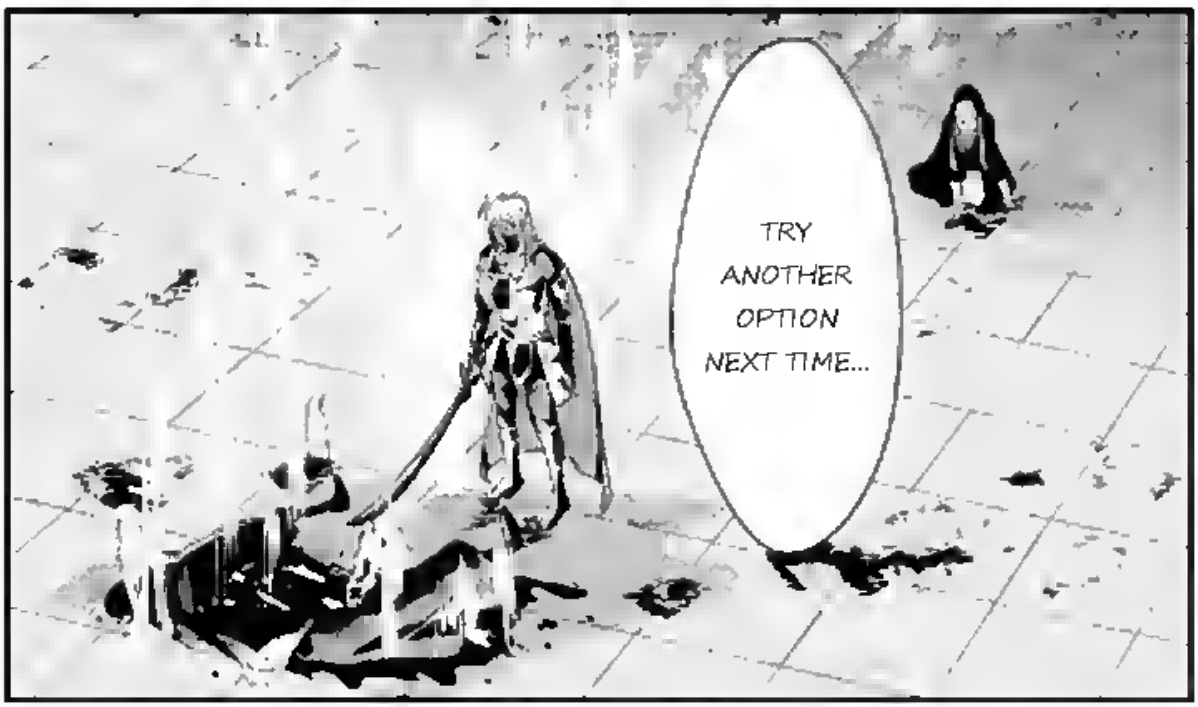
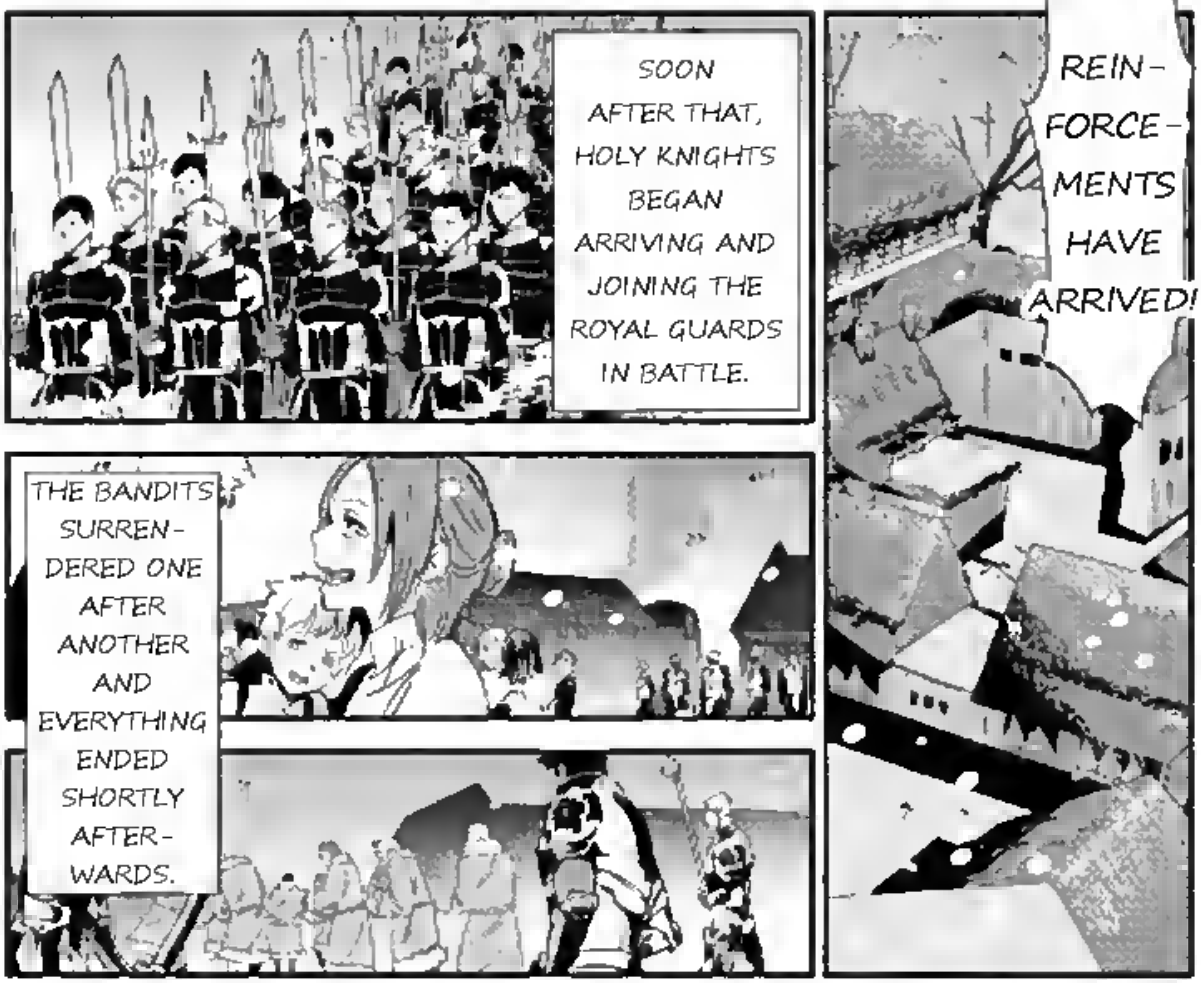
YOU MADE THE WRONG DECISIONS THIS TIME...


TRY ANOTHER OPTION NEXT TIME...


SOON AFTER THAT, HOLY KNIGHTS BEGAN ARRIVING AND JOINING THE ROYAL GUARDS IN BATTLE.
REIN-FORCE-MENTS HAVE ARRIVED!
THE BANDITS SURREN-DERED ONE AFTER ANOTHER AND EVERYTHING ENDED SHORTLY AFTER-WARDS.

LECTIVAL THEN RETURNED TO THE VILLAGE WHERE LILICIA AND MILEIDIA WERE WAITING.
MASTER LECTIVAL...
無茶
DIDN'T I ASK YOU NOT TO OVERDO IT?
WOULD YOU CARE TO EXPLAIN YOURSELF?

LECTIVAL...
UM...
WELL...
SEEMS YOU'RE DOING WELL, MILEI.
IT'S LIKE YOU'RE NOT AWARE THAT YOU'RE THE REGENT...
I SWEAR...

AS EXPECTED OF THE ARCHBISHOP, YOU CAN LECTURE EVEN HIS HIGHNESS.
DON'T WORRY.
ACK!
LEEFA!
STILL...
NO ONE'S GONNA HOLD ANYTHING AGAINST YOU.
WE INTEND TO CLAIM WE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH CALLIAS.
HAHAHA!
LEEFA...
YOU'RE A FRIEND, SO I CAN'T HATE YOU.

YOUR HIGH-NESS,
WE WISH FOR THE TEMPLE TO ACT AS A TEMPLE,
OH, LUTZ!
WHILE THE TEMPLE ISN'T INVOLVED IN POLITICS, THE POLITICAL POWER THAT LURKS WITHIN COULD BE BOTH A WEAPON AND A SHACKLE FOR YOU.
AND WE DON'T MIND SACRIFICING OURSELVES FOR THAT GOAL.
THANK YOU. I PRAY THAT THE PREVIOUS KINGS WATCH OVER YOU.
I'LL KEEP YOUR WORDS IN MIND.
STILL,
FOR A YOUNG MAN LIKE HIM TO PROCLAIM TO ME THAT HE'S WILLING TO TAKE UP ARMS AND REBEL... THAT'S QUITE THE CONVICTION...

TO THINK IT WAS REALLY YOU, YOUR HIGHNESS...
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OH,
HUH?
PARDON ME.
MASTER LECTIVAL...
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THERE'S SOME BLOOD ON YOU...
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WH-

I LIKE THIS VILLAGE AND I INTEND TO STAY HERE FOR A WHILE LONGER...
MASTER LECTIVAL!
あっ NO, WAIT, THERE WAS NO SPECIAL MEANING BEHIND THAT!
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HEY, MILE! AND THE LITTLE SISTER,
I'LL MATURE A BIT MORE AND TRY MY LUCK IN CENTRAL AGAIN!
I PLAN ON BECOMING THE ARCHBISHOP AFTER YOU!
BUT THE NEW RULER IS PRETTY INTERESTING...
あ! AH, LECTIVAL'S RUNNING AWAY!
えっ WHAT? HOLD ON!
は HUH?!